

## Message Text

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FOR NEA/ARN - DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, SY, US  
SUBJ: SYRIAN JEWRY

1. TOOK OCCASION OF NOVEMBER 29 MEETING WITH ASSAD TO BRING UP QUESTION OF UNMARRIED SYRIAN JEWISH WOMEN. (HE HAD BEEN HARPING ON THEME THAT ISRAEL WAS DOING A DISSERVICE TO JEWS WORLDWIDE BY TRYING TO CREATE DUAL LOYALTIES.) SAID THAT ELEVEN OF THE THIRTEEN WHOSE DEPARTURE HE HAD APPROVED LAST SUMMER WERE ENGAGED IN LANGUAGE STUDY AND GETTING BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR PROSPECTIVE HUSBANDS. TWO HAD BECOME HOMESICK AND RETURNED TO DAMASCUS. ASSAD WAS PARTICULARLY DELIGHTED WITH NEWS OF RETURN, SAYING IT WAS THE FIRST HE HAD HEARD OF THIS. I SAID THAT I EXPECTED SHORTLY TO BE PRESENTING ANOTHER BATCH OF MARRIAGE PROPOSALS FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. HE THEN IMMEDIATELY RECALLED HIS PROMISE TO CARTER TO BE HELPFUL IN INDIVIDUAL CASES.

2. COMMENT: RECOMMEND YOU NOT RELEASE THIS INFORMATION BEYOND THE DEPARTMENT AT PRESENT. COMMUNITY LEADERS HERE ARE PRESUMABLY REVIEWING THEIR LISTS ON BASIS OF WHICH  
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SHALOM WILL BE PREPARING FURTHER PROPOSALS. I AM HAPPY TO HAVE ASSAD'S RENEWED COMMITMENT IN HAND TO USE WHEN THOSE DOCUMENTS ARE RECEIVED IN DAMASCUS.  
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